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TABLE OF PERMITTED DUTIES (Rev. 3/20/03)

Following is a table of duties which auxiliaries are allowed to perform in California. If a duty is not listed, auxiliaries are NOT allowed to perform the duty. Under each category of auxiliary is one of the following notations: “N”, “D”, or “G”.

“N” = means that the auxiliary is NOT permitted to perform the duty.

“D” = means that the auxiliary may perform the duty under the Direct supervision of a dentist, which means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist who must be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures. The duty must be performed pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of the supervising dentist. Such procedures must be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the office of said dentist.

“G” = means that the auxiliary can perform the duty under the General supervision of a dentist, which means based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures.

Note: An RDHAP may perform any duty that an RDH is allowed to perform under general supervision, provided that a prescription for hygiene services has been issued by a dentist or physician.

*Those duties marked by an asterisk * may be performed by an RDH without supervision if they are employed in a public health program created by federal, state, or local law or administered by a federal, state, county or local governmental entity.

For the actual text of the laws and regulations, download COMDA’s publication of laws and regulations from www.comda.ca.gov

DUTY	SECTION OF LAW (Statue or Regulation)	D A	R D A	R D A E F	R D H	R D H E F
Anesthesia, local , administration of (RDH/RDHEF's must FIRST complete a Board-approved course)	1761	N	N	N	D	D
Arch wires , place and ligate	1086d10/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Arch wires , remove	1085c12/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Bands , loose, check for	1085c11/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Bands , orthodontic, remove	1086d8/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Bands , size	1086d6/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Bases , place on sound dentin	1086d4/1760	N	D	D	G	G

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Bite registrations , for diagnostic models for case study only, take	1086d14/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Bleaching agents , apply and activate with non-laser light-curing device	1086d12/13/1762	N	D	D	G	G
Bleaching trays , take impressions for	1085c1/1762	D	D	D	G	G
Bonding , prepare enamel for bonding by etching	1087c4/1089c4	N	N	D	N	D
Canals , dry with absorbent points	1086d2/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Cement , remove excess from coronal surfaces of teeth under orthodontic treatment by means of an ultrasonic scaler (RDA/RDAEF's must FIRST complete a Board-approved course)	1086d16/1762	N	D	D	G	G
Cement , remove excess from coronal surfaces of teeth under other than orthodontic treatment by means of an ultrasonic scaler	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Cement , remove excess from supragingival surfaces of teeth with hand instrument or floss	1086d5/1762	N	D	D	G	G
Cement , remove excess from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument	1087c8/1762	N	N	D	G	G
Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures	1087c1/1089c1	N	N	D	N	D
Coronal polishing (RDA/RDAEF's must FIRST complete a Board-approved course) a DDS or RDH must first determine that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus or other extraneous material prior to polishing *	1086d15/1762	N	D	D	G	G
Crowns , intra-orally fabricate temporary	1086d7/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Crowns , size stainless steel temporary	1086d6/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Crowns , sizing , temporary cementation and removal of temporary crowns	1086d6&8/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Cure restorative or orthodontic materials in operative site with light-curing device	1085c17/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Dressings , post-extraction and periodontal, place	1086d11/1762	N	D	D	G	G
Enamel , prepare for bonding by etching	1087c4/1089c4	N	N	D	N	D
Endodontic cultures , obtain	1086d1/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Endodontic filling points , fit trial	1087c6/1089c6	N	N	D	N	D
Endodontic post and core castings , formulate indirect patterns for	1087c5/1089c5	N	N	D	N	D
Etchant , apply for bonding restorative materials	1087c9/1089c7	N	N	D	N	D
Etching , prepare enamel for bonding by etching	1087c4/1089c4	N	N	D	N	D
Examination , mouth-mirror inspection of oral cavity, including charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth (also see Examination below)	1086c1/1762	N	G	G	G	G
Examination , preliminary, including but not limited to periodontal charting, intra and extra-oral examination of soft tissue, classifying occlusion, myofunctional evaluation (also see Examination above) *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Extra-oral duties or functions specified by the supervising dentist	1085b1/1760	G	G	G	G	G
Fit trial endodontic filling points	1087c6/1089c6	N	N	D	N	D
Fluoride , topical, apply, after scaling and polishing by DDS or RDH *	1085c14/1762	D	D	D	G	G
Impressions for cast restorations, take	1087c2/1089c2	N	N	D	N	D
Impressions for diagnostic and opposing models, take	1085c1/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Impressions for bleaching trays, temporary crowns and bridges and sports guards, take	1085c1/1760/1762	D	D	D	G	G
Impressions for space maintainers, orthodontic appliances, and occlusal guards, take	1087c3/1089c3	N	N	D	N	D
Indirect patterns for endodontic post and core casting , formulate	1087c5/1089c5	N	N	D	N	D
Intra-oral measurements for orthodontic procedures, take	1085c9/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Irrigate subgingivally with an antimicrobial and/or antibiotic liquid solutions(s) *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Ligature ties , remove	1085c13/1760	D	D	D	G	G

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Lime deposits , accretions and stains –removal from the unattached surfaces of the teeth *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Liners , place on sound dentin	1086d4/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Local anesthesia , administration of (must FIRST complete a Board-approved course)	1761	N	N	N	D	D
Matrices , anterior, hold	1085c7/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Matrices , place, wedge or remove	1085c16/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Mouth-mirror inspection of the oral cavity, including charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth	1086c1/1762	N	G	G	G	G
Nitrous oxide analgesia/sedation , assist under specified conditions	1085c6/1761	D	D	D	D	D
Nitrous oxide and oxygen , administration, whether alone or in combination with each other (must FIRST complete a board-approved course)	1761	N	N	N	D	D
Oral cavity , mouth-mirror inspection of, including charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth	1086c1/1762	N	G	G	G	G
Oral exfoliative cytology *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Orthodontic appliances , examine	1085b3/1760	G	G	G	G	G
Orthodontic bands , remove	1086d8/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Orthodontic or restorative materials , cure in operative site with light curing device	1085c17/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Orthodontic procedures , take intraoral measurements for	1085c9/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Orthodontic separators , elastic, place	1085c4/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Orthodontic separators , other than elastic, place	1086d9/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Orthodontic separators , remove	1085c5/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Periodontal dressings , place	1086d11/1762	N	D	D	G	G
Periodontal dressings , remove	1085c3/1762	D	D	D	G	G
Periodontal soft tissue curettage (RDH/ RDHEFs must FIRST complete a Board approved course)	1761	N	N	N	D	D
Pit and fissure sealants , apply *	1087c7/1762	N	N	D	G	G
Post-extraction dressings , place	1086d11/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Post-extraction dressings , remove	1085c3/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Pulp vitality , test	1086d3/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Radiographic equipment , operation of (must FIRST complete a Board-approved radiation safety program)	1085b2	G	G	G	G	G
Restorations, permanent , place or finish	1085	N	N	N	N	N
Restorations , polish and contour for preventive purposes	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Restorative or orthodontic materials , cure in operative site with light-curing device	1085c17/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Retainers and headgear , seat adjusted , including appropriate instructions	1085c10/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Root planing *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Rubber dams , place and remove	1085c15/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Scaling , subgingival *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Screenings , oral health *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Sealants , pit and fissure, apply *	1087c7/1762	N	N	D	G	G
Soft tissue curettage, periodontal (RDH/ RDHEFs must FIRST complete a Board-approved course)	1761	N	N	N	D	D
Sports guards , take impressions for	1085c1/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Stainless steel crowns (temporary) , size	1086d6/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Stains , lime deposits, and accretions – removal from the unattached surfaces of the teeth	1762	N	N	N	G	G

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Sutures , place	1085a2	N	N	N	N	N
Sutures , remove	1085c8/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Temporary crowns , fabricate intra-orally	1086d7/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Temporary crowns , size	1086d6/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Temporary crowns , temporary cementation and removal	1086d6&8/1760	N	D	D	G	G
Temporary crowns and bridges , take impressions for	1085c1/1760	D	D	D	G	G
Temporary sedative dressings , place and/or remove	1086c2/1760	N	G	G	G	G
Tetracycline cord , place and/or remove	1085a	N	N	N	N	N
Topical agents , apply non-aerosol and non-caustic (also see Topical Agents below) *	1085c2/1762	D	D	D	G	G
Topical agents essential to complete prophylaxis, apply (also see Topical Agents above) *	1762	N	N	N	G	G
Topical fluoride , apply after scaling and polishing by DDS or RDH *	1085c14/1762	D	D	D	G	G
Trial endodontic filling points , fit	1087c6/1089c6	N	N	D	N	D
Ultrasonic scaler , removal of excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth under orthodontic treatment with (must FIRST complete a Board-approved ultrasonic scaler course)	1086d16/1760	N	D	D	G	G